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NOTE FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
 FROM: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
 SUBJECT: Meeting tomorrow to discuss NFIB and PRC(I) agendas [redacted]

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1. When the RMS office directors and I meet with you tomorrow morning to discuss the NFIB and PRC(I) meetings on the FY 81-84 NFIP that are scheduled for next Thursday, we intend to propose a course of action and solicit your concurrence or other guidance. [redacted]

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2. Although both meetings will take place on the same day and have been called to consider the same subject, we think the focus should be slightly different. At NFIB, when you meet with the program managers, you will want to let them know where we stand in the process, what remains for you and for them to do, and what they can expect at the end of program review in the way of decisions. You will also want to solicit their advice on a subset of carefully selected issues as well as listen to any comments they might have on the other issues that you will consider which are not formally on the agenda. Assuming that the PRC(I) meeting takes place in advance of NFIB, you will probably also want to give them a little of the flavor of that meeting. [redacted]

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3. At the PRC(I) meeting the focus should probably be less on process and more on consumer needs relative to the small subset of issues. You will also want to spend some time discussing the position you took in the letter to the President on the OMB guidance level. The PRC(I) will be a friendly group and one where you are likely to elicit the sort of support that might impress either Jim McIntyre or John White, whoever attends for OMB. [redacted]

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4. At our meeting tomorrow I am going to ask [redacted] Director of the Program and Budget Office, to outline for you the process: where we stand and what remains to be done. Either you or I can make these points at the NFIB meeting on Thursday. Walt Elder, the Acting Director of the Community and Legislative Liaison Office, will give you a little background on how we think the NFIB and PRC(I) meetings should go. [redacted]

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5. Of all the issues we have raised during this program review we think there are three that are appropriate for discussion at the NFIB meeting. I will ask [] Director of the Policy Guidance Office, to outline for you the issues related to survivability of NRP systems. [] Director of the Program Assessment Office, is prepared to discuss the future ELINT configuration, and the various alternatives you might consider; and [] Director of the Information Resources Office, will discuss the portion of the imagery exploitation issue related to IDEX. I can speak about imagery and its exploitation in a more general way. I do not expect the discussion of each issue to last more than five minutes. The purpose is to acquaint you with some of the points that are likely to come up during the NFIB discussion, and to allow you to raise some questions that you would like us to address when preparing your talking points on each of the subjects. At the PRC(I) meeting, I propose that we raise the survivability and ELINT issues but not deal with imagery exploitation because it is more technical and of less interest to those at Cabinet level. []

6. I believe you are thoroughly familiar with the arguments that we made in defense of a higher guidance level from OMB and can discuss that subject quite comfortably with either group. As part of the background papers for both meetings we intend to circulate your letter to the President. []

7. We plan to issue as much of the background material for these meetings as far in advance as possible. After the meeting tomorrow when we have gotten your decision on how to proceed, we will circulate the agendas and the issue papers that are complete. By Monday we expect to have finished up whatever remains and will distribute the rest of the material. []

8. For your information I have enclosed two other papers in this package that you might care to review before our meeting tomorrow morning: one is an update of the memo I sent you two weeks ago on the process of program review, and the other explains the rationale behind our proposal to include a narrowed guidance range in the decision letters which you will send to program managers. If you have any questions on either of these papers we can discuss them as well. []

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